

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 3:00 P.M.
City 1 Building (City Hall), 300 N. Campbell
First Floor, City Council Chambers

Members Present: 6

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart, Vice-Chairman Bob Geyer, Don Baumgardt, Robert Melson, Patricia White and Joanne Gwinn Burt

Members Absent: 2

*Charles Stapler
Alyssa Cervantes Benavides*

Vacancy: 1

District 5

Planning & Inspections Department – Planning

Kimberly Forsyth, Program Manager; Jeff Howell, Lead Planner; Harrison Plourde, Senior Planner; Karina Brasgalla, Planner

Other City Staff Present:

Karla Nieman, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Nicole Ferrini, Chief Resilience Officer, Office of Resilience and Director, Community and Human Development; Daniel Lopez, Civil Engineering Associate / Project Manager, Capital Improvement Department; Jorge Castillo, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Parks & Recreation; Patricia Dalbin, El Paso Water; Jose Carlos Villalva, Real Estate Manager, Economic and International Development

Members of the public:

*Marilyn Guida
Dr. Rick Bonart
Bernie Sargent*

Establish a Quorum

A quorum of the Open Space Advisory Board was present.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Time Limits for Information Presentations:

There is a 15 minute time limit for presentations, with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer. This limitation is applicable only to the presentation itself and does not include discussion and action elements of an item.

Call to the Public (items not listed on the Agenda:

Members of the public will be allowed 3 minutes to present, with additional time granted at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Marilyn Guida gave staff and Board Members a copy of Texas Land Trust Council booklet on Conservation Easements and made comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and Action: Changes to the Agenda

Staff requested the following:

Item 3. Change from "Information, Discussion, and Action" to 'Information and Discussion"

MOTION:

*Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Ms. Burt **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO MAKE THAT CHANGE FOR ITEM NUMBER 3.***

2. Discussion and Action: Approval of the Minutes: February 14, 2018.

Chairwoman Dr. Sharon Miles-Bonart asked Board Members if they had any additions, corrections and/or revisions to the minutes. No responses from Board Members.

MOTION:

*Motion made by Mr. Melson, seconded by Mr. Baumgardt **AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS THEY STAND.***

3. Information, ~~and Discussion, and Action~~: El Paso Resiliency Strategy Presentation.

Contact: Nicole Ferrini, FerriniNM@elpasotexas.gov

Nicole Ferrini gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.



ITEM 3 - Resilient El Paso Presentation.p



ITEM 3 - Resilient El Paso_2018.pdf



ITEM 3 - Resilient El Paso_Pillar Summary

Marilyn Guida, member of the public, commented.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

4. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update on the Mountain to River Trail System project timeline. **Contact:** Daniel Lopez, LopezDP@elpasotexas.gov

Daniel Lopez gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.



ITEM 4 - Mountain
to River Fact Sheet.p

Jorge Castillo responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

Dr. Rick Bonart, member of the public, commented.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

5. **Information, Discussion, and Action:** Update from City concerning any plans regarding the property abutting Keystone Heritage Park.
Contact: Jose Carlos Villalva, villalvajc@elpasotexas.gov

Jose Carlos Villalva distributed copies of his memorandum regarding the property abutting Keystone Heritage Park and responded to comments and questions from Board Members and public. He will provide Board Members the information regarding the archaeological study.

The following members of the public commented:

1. Marilyn Guida
2. Bernie Sargent
3. Dr. Rick Bonart

Karla Nieman commented.

MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Burt TO TABLE THIS ONE MONTH AND EXPECTING ANSWERS ON THE CORRECTIONS THAT DR. RICK BONART SUGGESTED ON NUMBER 4, 5 AND 6; ALSO ADDRESSING MR. GEYER'S QUESTION.

Karla Nieman commented.

VICE-CHAIRMAN GEYER SECONDED MS. BURT'S MOTION AND INCLUDE COMMENTS DON BAUMGARDT BROUGHT UP ABOUT THAT SECTION ABOUT "AS NEEDED".

RESTATED MOTION:

Motion made by Ms. Burt, seconded by Vice-Chairman Geyer AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE ITEM BE TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

6. Information and Discussion: Quarterly update from El Paso Water (EPWater)

Contact: PDalbin@epwu.org



ITEM 6 - EPW 4th
Quarter Report.pdf

Patricia Dalbin gave a presentation and responded to comments and questions from Board Members.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Mr. Baumgardt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RETIRE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

FOR THE RECORD

The Open Space Advisory Board of the City of El Paso may retire into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act. The Open Space Advisory Board will return to open session to take any final action.

SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

SECTION 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS

SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

SECTION 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES

SECTION 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

CS1. Information and Discussion: Continuation of Quarterly update from El Paso Water (EPWater) regarding a potential purchase of real property.

Contact: Patricia Dalbin, PDalbin@epwu.org

Discussion of this item will be closed to the public pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

CS2. Information and Discussion: The Open Space Advisory Board will receive an update on the evaluation of properties for acquisition using Quality-of-Life bond funding.

Contact: Jose Carlos Villalva, VillalvaJC@elpasotexas.gov

Discussion of this item will be closed to the public pursuant to the El Paso City Code, Section 2.22.050(A)(5), and Texas Government Code Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Mr. Baumgardt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECONVENE THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.

7. Adjournment

MOTION:

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Geyer, seconded by Mr. Baumgardt AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.